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In re Application of: Christopher R. Harlocker
For: CARRYING CASE PROVIDING PRIVACY AND
LIGHT SHADE FOR A SCREEN OF A LAPTOP
COMPUTER
Attorney's Docket No.: HARL-3

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- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,992,155, issued 11/30/1999 to Kabayashi et al.
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,109,434, issued 08/29/2000 to Howard

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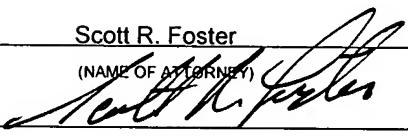
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